Sri Guru Narasimha Temple, Saligrama, Udupi, Karnataka

Info is given under following headings: Location, address, phone number...etc., how to get there, greatness of this temple, architecture, Main deity here and subdeities, daily poojas and rituals and their charges, special poojas, sevas and their charges, festivals, facilities for devotees such as accommodation etc,, donation info, bank acct numbers etc.., nearby Temples, nearby places of tourist interest, nearby budget hotels, .any other info...etc

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More info from Temple website: kshetra mahatme, contact info, Sevas list, Sri Mahaganapathy, SRI Anjaneya, MA Durga Devi and Sri Guru Narasimha images, Pooja details, darshan timings, photos, YouTube videos…etc

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Sri Guru Narasimha Temple, Saligrama (also known as Shree Guru Narasimha Temple or Saligrama Guru Narasimha Swamy Temple) is a revered ancient Hindu temple in coastal Karnataka, dedicated to Lord Narasimha (the lion-headed incarnation of Vishnu) in his form as Srimad Yogananda Guru Narasimha — the "Guru" aspect, where the deity serves as both God and spiritual guide.

Location

The temple is in the town of Saligrama (or Saligrama), Udupi district, Karnataka, India.

It lies directly on National Highway 66 (NH 66), about 22-23 km north of Udupi city, between Udupi and Kundapur.

The serene setting includes two sacred tanks (theerthas): Shanka Theertha and Chakra Theertha, with the temple situated between them. PIN: 576225 (some sources list 576255 for nearby areas).

It's easily accessible and well-maintained, with positive visitor reviews for cleanliness and powerful darshan.

History and Legend

The main idol is an ancient, swayambhu (self-manifested) murti carved from a single sacred Saligrama stone (fossil ammonite revered as Vishnu's form), dating to the 8th century AD (some traditions trace it even earlier, up to 4th century in references).

The deity is in yogic posture (Yogananda), facing west, with chakra (disc) in the right hand and shanka (conch) in the left, adorned with a prabhavali (aura halo).
Key legends from Puranas (Padma Purana's Pushkara Khanda, Skanda Purana's Sahyadri Khanda, and Lokadityapaddati):

Narada Maharshi installed the deity after a celestial voice (akashavani) guided him to a pipal tree site where the form appeared.

A **prominent story** involves sage Bhattacharya (or similar figures) performing yajnas; Lord Ganapathi appeared in a dream instructing reinstallation of the Narasimha idol, declaring Narasimha as the eternal Guru.

This led to the unique tradition among Kota Brahmins (from 14 surrounding villages) of revering Guru Narasimha as their sole Guru (no human guru or affiliation to major mathas like those of Shankara, Ramanuja, or Madhva), while following Advaita philosophy.

The place name "Saligrama" derives from the Saligrama stone deity.

The site is called "Nirvairya Sthala" (place without enmity), symbolized by elephant (Ganapathi) and lions (Narasimha) coexisting peacefully.

The temple underwent renovations (e.g., new garbha griha in 1970s) and is linked to the Kota Brahmin community, with organizations like Koota Maha Jagathu preserving its heritage.

Other Deities

- Sri Maha Ganapathi (opposite Durga).
- Sri Durga Parameshwari (right of main sanctum).
- Sri Anjaneya Swamy (Hanuman, facing the main idol).
- Sri Naga Devaru.

Temple Timings

Standard darshan timings (may vary on festivals/special days; confirm via official site or phone):

Morning: 5:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Evening: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Maha Mangala Aarti/Harathi:

Morning: 6:30 AM
Noon: 12:00 PM
Evening: 7:00 PM or 7:30 PM

Special events include Narasimha Jayanti, Hanuman Jayanti, Rathotsava (car festival in Makara month), Shravana Masa utsavas, Deepotsava, and more.
Key Features and Beliefs

The swayambhu Saligrama idol is considered highly sacred; devotees feel a strong divine presence.

Bathing in Shanka Theertha purifies sins; Chakra Theertha removes diseases and enemies' fear. Combined dip + worship brings prosperity.

Unique Guru status: Ideal for seekers of guidance, protection, and spiritual upliftment.

Well-maintained with clean facilities; attracts devotees from coastal Karnataka and beyond, especially Kota Brahmin families where it's the kuladevaru (family deity).

Festivals feature chariot processions, homas (e.g., Ganapathi Atharvashirsha Homa), and community events.

How to Visit

By Road: On NH 66; frequent buses from Udupi, Kundapur, Mangalore. Direct connectivity from major cities.

By Rail: Nearest stations — Udupi (25 km south), Kundapur (17-18 km north).

By Air: Mangalore International Airport (about 82 km).

Best time: Winter (Oct-Feb) for pleasant weather; avoid peak monsoon if possible.

Accommodation: Limited in Saligrama; options in Udupi or Kundapur (hotels, lodges). Temples may have basic facilities for devotees.

Official website: https://srigurunarasimhatemple.com/ (for updates, events, sevas, contact: +91-820-2564544, **email**: guru.narasimha.temple@gmail.com).

This is a peaceful, powerful Narasimha kshetra with deep historical and spiritual significance — many describe it as a place where prayers for protection and guidance are swiftly answered.

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Also see a free ebook by Dr. M. Thirumaleshwar: “Sri Guru Narasimha Temple, Saigrama, Karnataka.pdf” at the following link:

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More info:

Ref: Temple website, viz

srigurunarasimhatemple.com

Kshetra Mahatme:

To enable every Koota Brahmin to know the scantity of the kshetra, breif Kshetra Mahatme of the temple is given here.

Pushkara Khanda chapter of Padma purana has details of this temple. Suta Puranika narrated this mahatme on the request of Muni Pungavas.

The land mass given by Samudra Raja on the request of Parashurama ranging from the current Gokarna on the North to Kanyakumari on the south is called Parashurama Kshetra.

This place has many important Thirta Kshetras and Thirta Sarovaras. Narada Muni visited the place between Seetha river and Kumbha Kashi kshetra where many Koota Muni Pungavas where meditating, after taking holy dip in different theerta sarovaras and meditating at thirta kshetras.

During this time an unexpected event happened at this place. Earth shook and there was a thunderous sound. All animals were scared and birds circled the sky. There was heavy winds and the frightened Munis came to Narada and requested for protection. Suddenly they heard a Divya Vani that preached about Narasimha Vichara.

The Divya Vani informed that an idol of Lord Narasimha, holding Shanka and Chakra in both hands and seated in Yogananda Posture that is worshiped by Brahma and Rudra is sitated between Shanka and Chakra thirta in middle of a Ashwatta (people) tree. This will be installed by Narada Muni. Narada agreed that he had realized the same during his meditation.

They searched and found the statue of Lord Narasimha and prayed to him. Narada then installed the statue of Lord Narasimha in between Shanka and Chakra Theertha. On Narada's prayer Lord Narasimha appeared and as per his request agreed to be there in the location permanently.

This place in the middle of Koota Kshetra, where Lord Narasimha resides in Saligrama idol is called Saligrama. Devotees will achieve all their desires by worshipping this Saligrama idol. Taking holy dip in Chakra Theertha rids one of all diseases and fear of the enemy. Holy dip in Shanka Theertha cleanses one from all the sins. One who takes holy dip in both the theerthas and worships Narasimha will attain prosperity.

According to Skanda Purana Sahyadri Kanda, learned Brahmin families under the leadership of Bhattacharya, came to present day Saligrama from Ahichatra on the banks of Godavari river, on the request of King Lokaditya. King Lokaditya wanted to reinstate learned Brahmins in his kingdom for the prosperity of the kingdom. Maha Yagna's like "Atiratra" were

performed by these Brahmins on request of King Lokadithya. Before starting these yagnas, “to avoid obstacles” these learned, prayed to Lord Ganapathi and obtained blessings.

Bhattacharya was delighted to see elephants and lions living together, a situation which he had already experienced during his meditation and named this place “Nirvairya Sthala” meaning “Enemy less abode”. This is signified by the symbolic representation of elephant in the form of Lord Ganapathi and Lion in the form of Lord Narasimha, even till this date in the Saligrama temple. The idol is facing west and has chakra in right hand and conch shell in the left hand.

King Lokaditya allocated 14 villages to Brahmins who accompanied Bhattacharya and requested them to stay there and perform yagas and yajnas. While returning back to Ahichatra, Bhattacharya instructed his disciples staying back, to worship Lord Narasimha as both Guru and Lord.

From those days we Koota Brahmins worship Lord Narasimha as both Guru and Lord.

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Sevas List:

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List of Seva in the Main & Sub - Shrines of the Temple

Sl No.	Particulars of Services	Sri Guru-narasimha	Sri Maha-ganapathi	Sri Durgadevi	Sri Anjaneya Swami	Sri Naga Devaru
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Rangapooja - I	56000.00				
2	Rangapooja - II	9000.00				
3	Samhithabhishekha (without Santharpana)	12000.00				
4	Narasimha Homa (1,008)	11500.00				
5	Narasimha Homa with Kalashabhishekha	8800.00				
6	Narasimha Homa (108)	7000.00				
7	Moodu Ganapathi	4000.00	4000.00			
8	Thulabhara (Without weight)	3500.00			2600.00	
9	6 Coconut Gana Homa	2500.00	2500.00			
10	Samaradhane (7 People)	2500.00				
11	Sathyanarayana Pooja	2000.00				
12	Manyusuktha Abhishekha (with Honey)	1700.00				
13	Thrikala pooje	1400.00				
14	Mahapuje (with all Parivara god)	1000.00				
15	Sarva Seve	850.00			850.00	
16	Hayagreeva Naivedhya	700.00			700.00	
17	Lakshminarayana Hrudaya Parayana	600.00				
18	Harivana Naivedhya	550.00				
19	Flower Pooja	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
20	Nandadeepa (For one Month)	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
21	Pavamana Abhisheka	300.00			300.00	
22	Panchamrutha Abhisheka	220.00	220.00	220.00	220.00	220.00
23	Panaka Seva	200.00				
24	Haluparamanna Naivedya (Milk payasam)	200.00		200.00		
25	Chitranna Naivedya	200.00				
26	Kshirabhisheka (Milk)	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	
27	Rudrabhisheka	150.00				
28	Upanishath Abhisheka	150.00	150.00			
29	Curd Rice Naivedya	150.00				
30	Veda Parayana	150.00				
31	Sahasranama Parayana	150.00				
32	Hannukayi seve	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
33	Vehicle Pooja Kanike	50.00			50.00	

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		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
34	Astothara Shatha Namarachane	40.00		40.00		
35	Mangalarathi	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	
36	Laddu Prasada	30.00				
37	Panchakajjaya	20.00			20.00	
38	Panchakajjaya 1Kg	200.00			200.00	
39	Saturday Phalarpane	3120.00			3120.00	
40	Sone Arathi (Sihma Month)	850.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	
41	Huggi Naivedhya (dhanurmasa)	500.00				
42	Brahmarathothsava Seva Kanike (car festival)	5500.00				
43	Navakapradhana Kalasha				6200.00	
44	Poornalankara Chandrabenne				800.00	
45	Sundarakanda Parayana				500.00	
46	Rangapooja (Till)				900.00	
47	Rangapooja (Gram)		700.00	700.00	700.00	
48	Rangapooja (Puffed Rice)		500.00	500.00	500.00	
49	Rangapooja (Sugar)		450.00	450.00	450.00	
50	Rangapooja Big Arathi				250.00	
51	Appa Navidhya		850.00		850.00	
52	Vade Seve				650.00	
53	Chandrabenne arpane				40.00	
54	Appa Prasada				30.00	
55	Sundarkanda parayana kanike				200.00	
56	Rangapuje Kanike (without Panchakajjaya)				150.00	
57	Navakapradhana Kalshabhishekha (Every Poornima)				250.00	
58	Naivedhya Sahitha Panchamrutha Abhisheka		400.00	400.00		
59	Sankasta Chowthi Ganahoma (1Coconut)		80.00			
60	Chandika Parayana			600.00		
61	Kunkumarchane			150.00		
62	Pavamana Kalshabhishekha (including Pooja items)					1400.00
63	Thanu Seve					800.00
64	Pavamana Kalashabisheka (every Shuddha Shasti)					180.00

Note :

1. Arrangements are made for the benefit of the devotees to perform all the sevas and other programmes through the temple office only. Performing Seva through Archaks or other staff is against the rule.
2. For Sevas and other works, if money is sent to the Managing Trustee by M.O., Prasadam will be sent after performing the seva. (Minimum Rs. 100/- Please write the correct Payee Address)
3. Savings Bank Accounts Details

   Karnataka Bank – SB A/C No. 1372500100170001, IFSC Code : KARB0000137

   Canara Bank – SB A/C No. 01312200000537 IFSC CODE CNRB0010131

   State Bank of India – SB A/C NO. 31673124000 IFSC CODE SBIN0014506

   KBL App : Gurunarasimhatemple@KBL PhonePay : Q08435985@ybl
4. Contact Temple Office for Shashvatha Seve, Nakshathra Seve, Special Pooje and Homa etc.
5. To Donate Bhojana Nidhi , Vedadyana Nidhi, Major Development Plan Nidhi, Bhudana Nidhi, and Arogya Nidhi for Temple Development.

Managing Committee

Sri Mahaganapathi Saligrama

Sri Aanjaneya Swamy Saligrama

Sri Durgaparameshwari Saligrama

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ಸಂಜೆ: 4pm – 8pm.

ಮಹಾಮಂಗಳಾರತಿ
ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ: 6.30 am.
ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ: 12.00 pm.
ಸಂಜೆ: 7.30pm.

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Photos

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YouTube videos

Sri Guru Narasimha Temple, Saligrama - Dharma degula darshana (6 min):

https://youtu.be/GkqmvEZgi40?si=agDt9Jj4j0yfOiid

Sri Guru Narasimha Temple (6 min):

https://youtu.be/6MZMMYAzjBQ?si=FMSBopWXd1JVt-av

Sri Guru Narasimha Temple - drone video(1.3 min):

https://youtu.be/0uId-9plJy8?si=6XLRb7zSWALjeKch

Some details about Sri Guru Narasimha Temple by the President (5 min):

https://youtu.be/UzmY4XlGfJ4?si=8BfuWHKlgSc0y2d4

Sri Saligrama Narasimha Kshetra, Udupi (8 min):

https://youtu.be/VRWXWsGJohI?si=DLJ7mNRDqos7_IiH

Saligrama Jaatre 2017…Daiji world TV (19 min):

https://youtu.be/V56Ikqg61dI?si=1GTCZFACxz881Jtr

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Dr. M. Thirumaleshwar
January 26, 2026

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